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SUN'S LATEST MANIFESTO.

May Appoint Own Customs Officials.

FOREIGN INTERFERENCE UNJUSTIFIED.

WILL SUN TAKE OVER CUSTOMS HOUSE?

Regarding the Canton Customs dispute, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Government has authorized the following statement:

The Chinese Maritime Customs is a Chinese Government Service, and its receipts form part of the national revenues of China. These Customs receipts are pledged for the service of the punitive indemnities assessed under the Boxer Protocol and other foreign obligations, after payment of which the balance remaining is known as the "Customs Surplus".

2. In normal circumstances, the Customs Surplus is payable to the Central Government; and it was so paid to the Government at Peking until 1919, when the Constitutional Government—which had been established in 1917 following the illegal dissolution of Parliament and other treasonable acts at Peking—successfully asserted its claim to a share in the Surplus to the extent of 13.7 of the whole.

3. This share in the Customs Surplus was paid to the Constitutional Government up to March 1920, when internal differences among the members of the Government led to the suspension of regular payment. Since then the Government at Canton has repeatedly pressed for the resumption of payment until finally, on September 5th last, a memorandum on the subject was communicated to the Diplomatic Body at Peking in which this Government contended that the disposal of the Customs Surplus was entirely a matter of Chinese concern, being outside the ambit of the competence of the Foreign Powers who were interested in the Customs revenues to the extent only of the foreign obligations charged thereon. The Diplomatic Body were therefore requested to instruct the Commission of Bankers to hand over the Customs Surplus immediately to the Inspector-General of Customs who would then be requested by this Government to divide it proportionately between Canton and Peking and to refund the Surplus accumulated since March 1920.

4. —Save for a bare telegraphic intimation on September 28th, that this memorandum was under the consideration of the Diplomatic Body, no reply was vouchsafed to this Government until the 3rd instant—after nearly three months' delay when the Diplomatic Body cabled a message stating that they had learned that this Government, without awaiting a reply to the memorandum of September 5th, had threatened to take over temporarily the administration of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton, and informing this Government that the foreign representatives were not prepared to admit any interference with the Chinese Maritime Customs and, in the event of any such attempt being made, they would take such forcible measures as they might deem fit to meet the situation.

5. —On the 5th instant, this Government replied that the Chinese Maritime Customs was first and last a Chinese Government Service and was subject, at least with respect to the ports within its territory, to the orders of this Government. The reply went on to state that as its Customs revenues were remitted to Peking and there used so as to release other revenues for the financing of one military expedition after another against it, this Government intended to order the Customs authorities to cease remitting to Peking and retain the funds for local use. It emphasized that no interference with the Customs was contemplated but had been

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NEWS IN THE ADS.

The Christmas Treat to the Poor under the care of the Society of St. Paul takes place at the Catholic Union Club on Sunday the 23rd inst.

The Imports and Exports Dept. will be entirely closed on December 23rd. It will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the 26th of December and the 1st. of January. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

routine work of government here. In this way the continuity of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service will be preserved; and any disorganization thereof, in the circumstances, is only likely if the Inspector-General of Customs refuses to cooperate with this Government in the administrative work of the Customs within its territory.

10. —This statement would not be complete unless two considerable points were emphasized, one legal and the other moral in its implication. The first is that the right to ensure priority of payment of interest and amortization of certain foreign loans, secured on the revenues of the Customs, and not on the buildings and other corporeal properties of the Chinese Maritime Customs. It, therefore, becomes imperative for this Government to install any new Customs officials in the administrative and other buildings of the Customs here, the Foreign Powers and, as in the case of the Customs Surplus without any Treaty right to interfere with such a "routine" act of administration. And they are less entitled to interfere in view of the undoubtedly fact that the Customs revenues collected outside the territory of this Government, being more than ample, to meet all foreign obligations, there is not the slightest prospect of Customs officials here affecting or otherwise endeavoring the punctual service of all such foreign obligations.

11. —The other point is this. The Foreign Powers are mainly interested in the revenues of the Chinese Maritime Customs to the extent and in respect of their respective shares in the Boxer Indemnity. This Indemnity, it must be noted, is the sole punitive or penal sum inflicted on a defeated people which survives from the pre-war period. Indeed, there is no treaty in force to-day which imposes a similar penalty; even the Treaty of Versailles does not assess punitive but reparatory indemnities against Germany. Further, it must be pointed out that most of the Great Powers—America, Britain, France and Japan—are now only interested in the Boxer Indemnity to the extent of seeing that their respective shares are applied to various purposes in the interests of China itself.

12. —A brief reference in conclusion must be made to the series of domestic loans mostly floated by the Peking Government for purposes of either war against the South or corruption and bribery in connexion with sundry presidential elections at Peking. In 1921, these loans were consolidated by the Peking Government and charged on the Customs and Salt Surpluses and the Wine and Tobacco Revenues, the Inspector-General of Customs being placed in charge of the service thereof. The Diplomatic Body, in their reply of December 11th, dealt rather summarily with these loans thus: "...the Corps Diplomatique are in no way concerned with the service of these loans which was instituted without their having been

THE AFGHAN POSITION.

SOVIET ALLEGATIONS DENIED.

HOPP THAT BRITISH DEMANDS WILL BE MET.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 20.
In connection with the serious situation on the Afghan border owing to the failure of the Afghan Government hitherto to hand over the murderers of British officers, official quarters in London are more hopeful at present, and are awaiting the result of the Afghans' efforts to arrest the criminals. It is hoped the Afghans will fulfil their promises in this connection, otherwise it will be necessary to decide what further pressure is needed.

There is no question of any aggressive British action, although all means available will be employed if the moderate and just British demands be not complied with. The allegation of M. Chicherin that Britain has threatened war on Afghanistan and demanded a rupture of the Russo-Afghan relations is absolutely untrue.

"Unrestness" in Moscow.

Riga, December 20.
A message from Moscow states that M. Chicherin, interviewed, said that British Eastern interests had been colluding with Russia's for several decades. Britain was endeavouring to obtain absolute hegemony in Central Asia. The British demand towards Afghanistan had created the greatest uneasiness in Moscow's diplomatic circles, as Afghanistan was regarded at the last buffer State between Britain and the Soviet republics.

"REDS" HAVE TROUBLESOME LIEGES.

Riga, December 20.
A message from Moscow declares that the Soviet Press states that owing to numerous bands of Chunchu's deserters ravaging the Amur districts, and other parts of Manchuria, the Soviet's authority there exists only on paper. It adds that new outbreaks have occurred at Bokhara and Ferghana, whither Red troops have been sent to crush them.

BRITISH MEMBERS OF REPARATIONS COMMITTEE.

Paris, December 20.
The British members of the Reparations Committee on the German Budget will be Mr. Montagu Norman and Sir Josiah Stamp, while Mr. Reginald McKenna will serve the committee to enquire into the question of German capital abroad.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

London, December 20.
The British-American Tobacco Company reports a net profit of £4,495,000. A final dividend of nine per cent. is declared making twenty-four per cent. for the year, as last year. A total of £3,531,000 is carried forward.

THE RESTORATION OF HUNGARY.

Paris, December 20.
It is hoped that Hungary will be restored, after the example of Austria, as a result of an agreement reached by the Council of the League of Nations regarding an international financial scheme with that object.

BIG BELGIAN WIRELESS STATION.

Brussels, December 20.
The King has laid the foundation stone of the wireless station at Ruyselede, near Bruges, which is expected to be sufficiently powerful to communicate with all the big stations of the world.

JAPANESE METEOROLOGIST HONOURED.

London, December 20.
The Council of the Royal Meteorological Society of Britain has awarded the Symons gold medal for 1924 to Mr. Takemettu Okada, director of the Central Meteorological Observatory at Tokyo.

(Reuter's American Service.)

CONFICTING MEXICAN CLAIMS.

THE USE OF WIRELESS.

Galveston, December 20.
Rebel despatches from Vera Cruz claim that the Federal troops were defeated after eight hours of fighting between Fuebla and Tetzalco. The rebels captured three machine guns, and took prisoners three hundred men. Hard fighting is progressing at Apizaco, an important railway position.

Mexico City, December 20.
Gen. Obregon has told foreign journalists that his enemies refused to give battle either at Vera Cruz or Jalisco, but continually retreated, tearing up the tracks to prevent pursuit, and leaving prisoners and munitions behind. He, however, expected a battle in the west coast state of Jalisco shortly. On the contrary, the rebel leader Adolfo Huerta has broadcast by wireless a statement declaring that the revolutionaries control the States of Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Puebla, Colima, Jalisco, Zacatecas, Michoacan, Nayarit, Aguascalientes, and Guerrero, adding that the rebels possess forty thousand armed troops, who are fighting spiritedly, without pay.

TOLL OF COLOMBIAN EARTHQUAKE.

Guayaquil, December 20.
A message from Tulcan states that earthquake shocks are continuing. Twelve had been counted within twenty-four hours. It is estimated that the dead total one hundred and fifty, and several hundreds have been injured.

MR. BORAH WANTS WARS ELIMINATED.

Washington, December 20.
Mr. Borah has re-introduced in the Senate his war resolution, which failed to pass the last session, urging the outlawing of all war, and suggesting a judicial substitute in the nature of an International Court.

CANTON OUTLOOK.

Labour and Military Meet.

DR. SUN CABLES MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD.

PROPAGANDA IN HONGKONG.

BY SPECIAL "TELEGRAPH" REPRESENTATIVE.

Canton, December 20.
The situation at Canton for the next week may not be productive of any fresh developments, as until the limit of ten days fixed for a reply by the Inspector-General of Customs at Peking to the Note served on the local Commissioner at Canton, ordering him to retain the surplus and deliver it to the Canton Government when called upon, the Government will endeavour to consolidate its understanding with the Labour Guilds. I have spent the whole day in sounding various officials on this matter, and despite the statements of Tse Ying-pak to the contrary, appearances were such as to lend colour to the belief that in this matter the Government and the Labour people, as represented by the Kuomintang, are moving as one. A certain degree of scepticism is admissible when it comes to considering the claim that unanimity has been reached amongst the various guilds over which Tse Ying-pak wields authority, but it is clear that no efforts have been spared by the leaders to bring the labour organizations into line on the subject. With that aim, one meeting is being held after another, and the new organization known as the Canton Rehabilitation Representative or Educational Society (whatever name one may care to give it) is undoubtedly playing an important part in the endeavours to stir up feeling on the matter.

The first measures, which the labour organisation hope will facilitate the work of the Canton Government in its negotiations for the retention of the Customs surplus, have been orderly enough. The numerous vernacular organs controlled by Labour interests have published a mass of propaganda, and one statement contained therein is to the effect that the Labour Guilds have taken the situation into their own hands, and, of their own accord, addressed a communication to the American Consul at Shanghai on the subject of the American representation in the naval demonstration on the river. There were hints thrown out of possible repercussions by the labour element as one result if armed force is used. On the other hand, it is of marked interest to note the report also published in these organs that the Japanese diplomatic representative in China may act as an intermediary in the matter of division of the surplus between the two Chinese Governments. I enquired of the Japanese Consul General at Canton and obtained from him a denial that there was any truth in this statement. Japan is not in the position to act as an intermediary in any case," said the Consul General, with obvious reference to the share Japan has in the protection of the Customs revenues. There is more than a suspicion that this suggestion was thrown out as a "feeler."

The point claimed by the Canton Government as a concession on the part of the Diplomatic Body at Peking was the admission that, the balance of the Customs revenues, after all foreign obligations charged on the service of the Customs receipts had been met, was a matter which did not concern the Powers. Its interpretation of this admission gave to the Canton Government its cue to shape its latest Note accordingly, which takes the form of an order to the Inspector General as a servant of the Chinese Republic, to hand over the surplus. DIPLOMATIC BODY'S REPLY.

From a reliable source unconnected with the Canton Government I have secured a copy of the full text of the Diplomatic Body's reply to Dr. Sun's original demand, received at Canton on the 14th instant. This reads as follows:

"The conclusion arrived at which it is desired to convey to the notice of the Canton authorities concerned is to the effect that granting or refusal of the claim does not lie within the province of the Chinese Diplomatic

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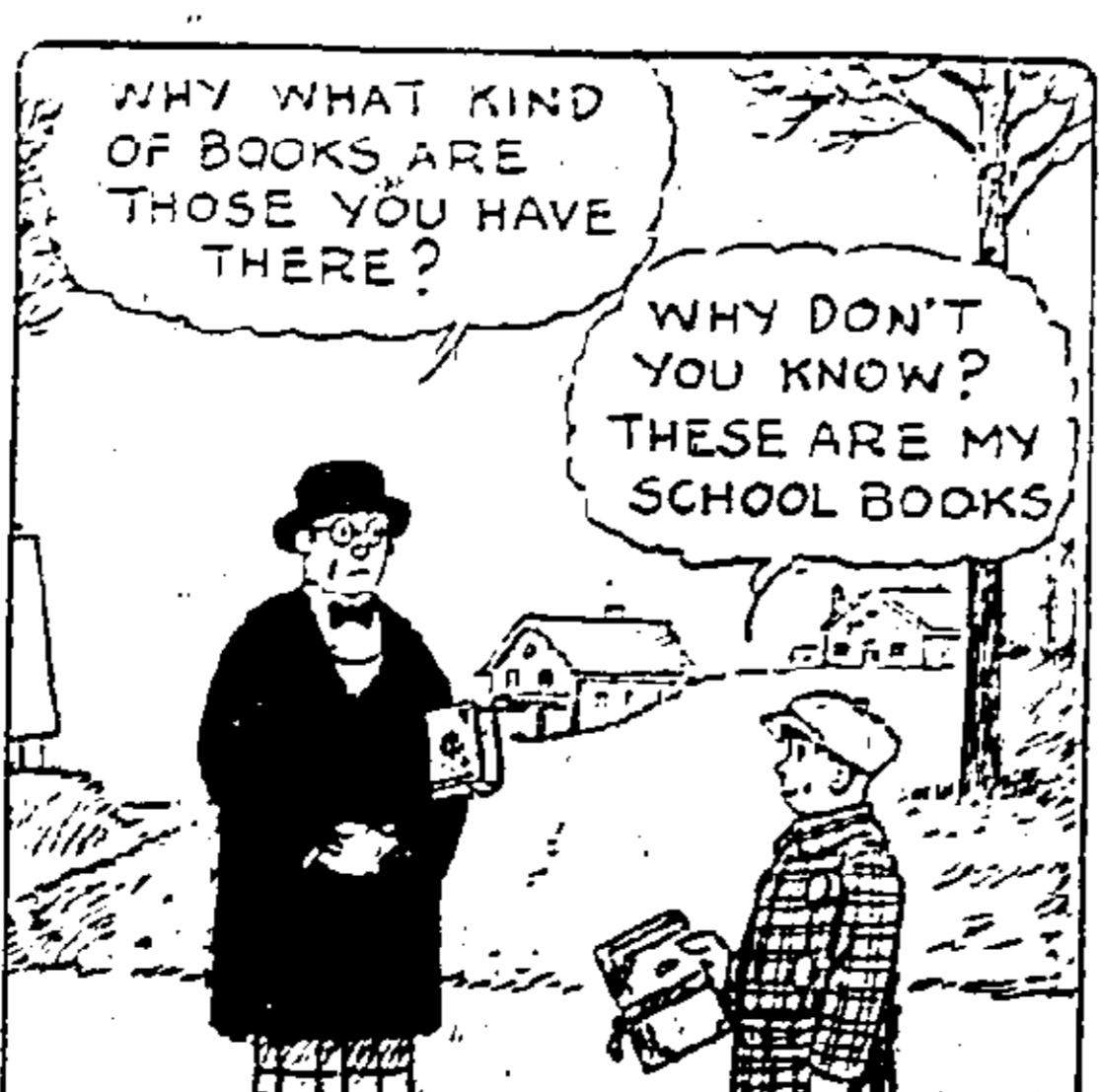
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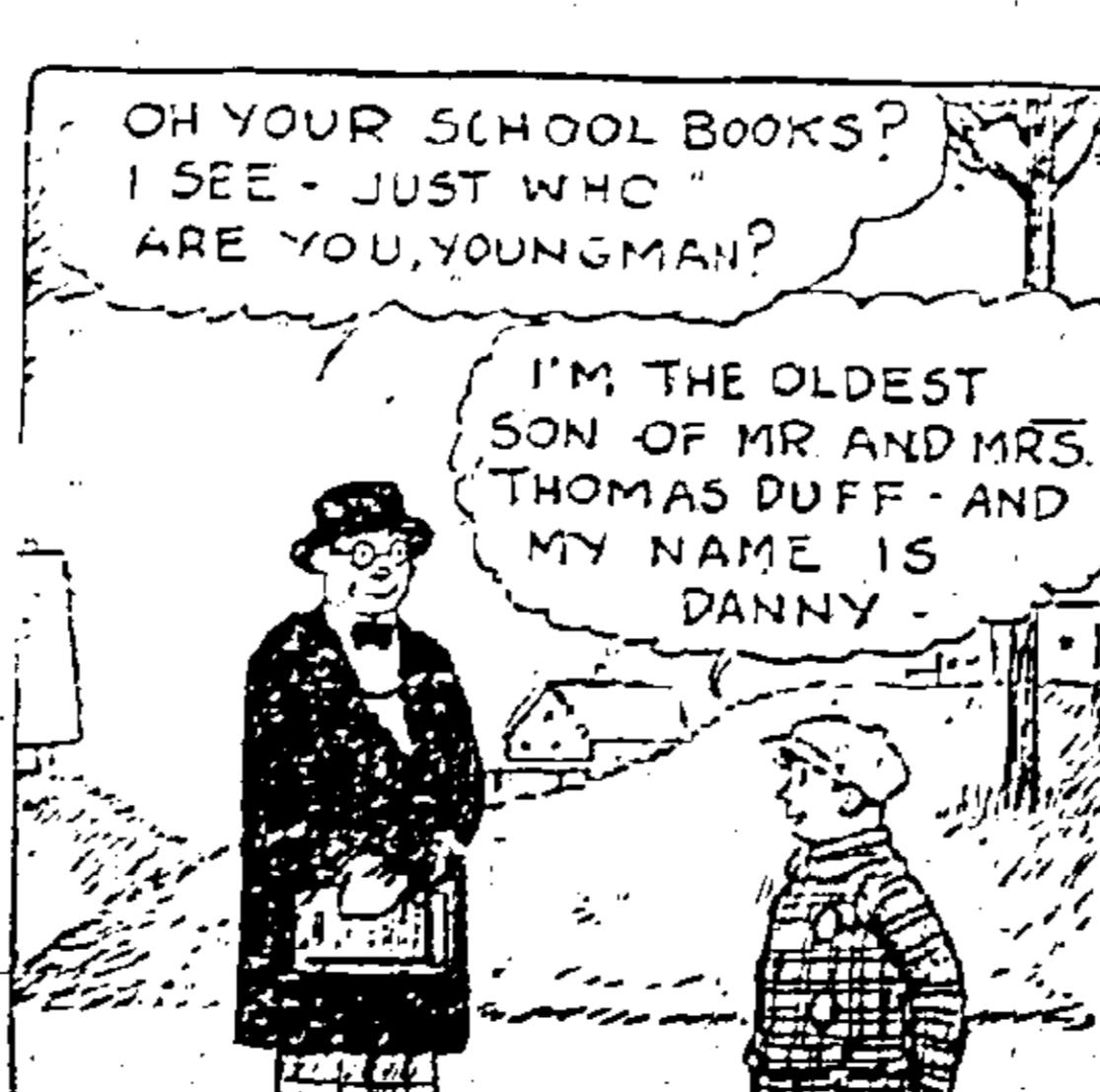
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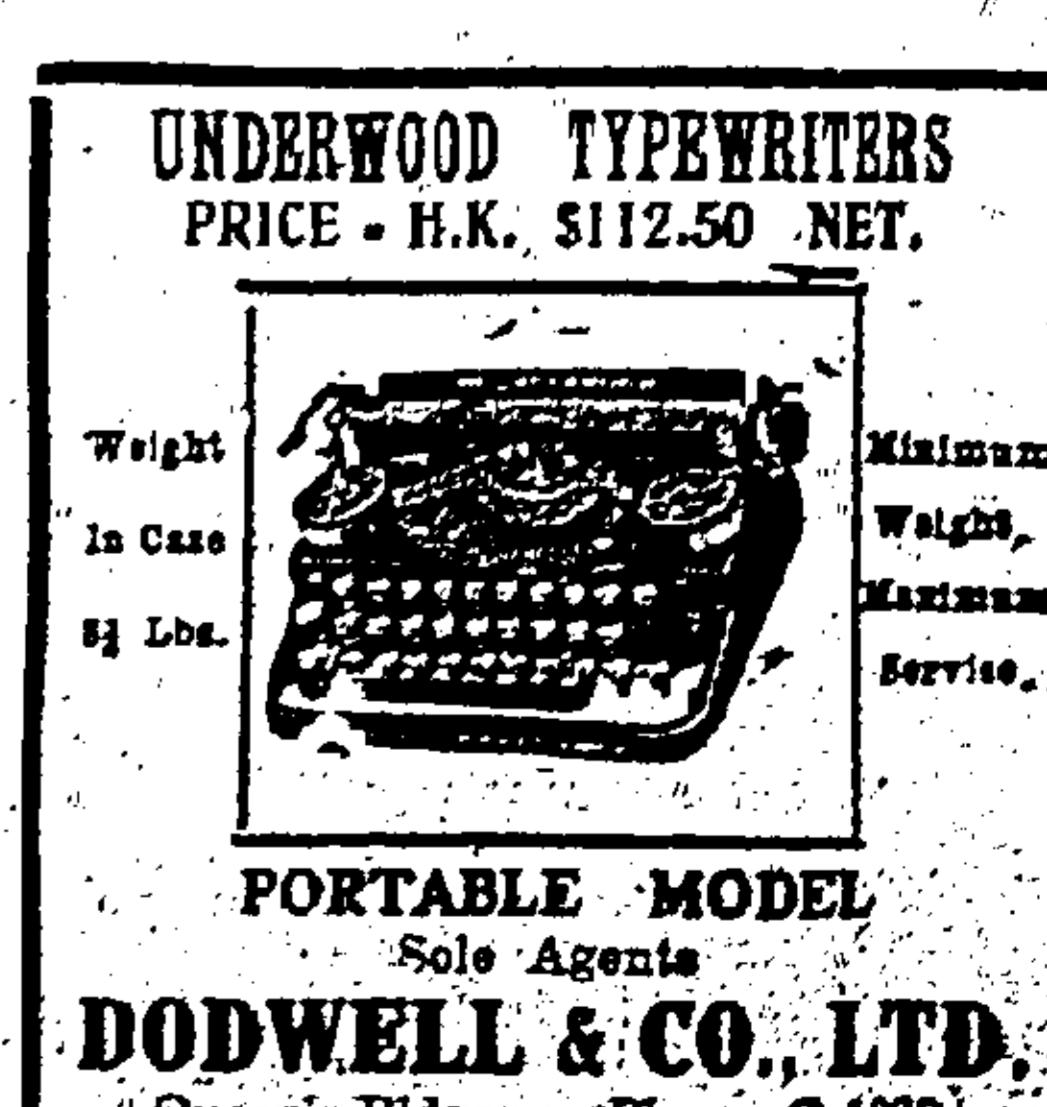
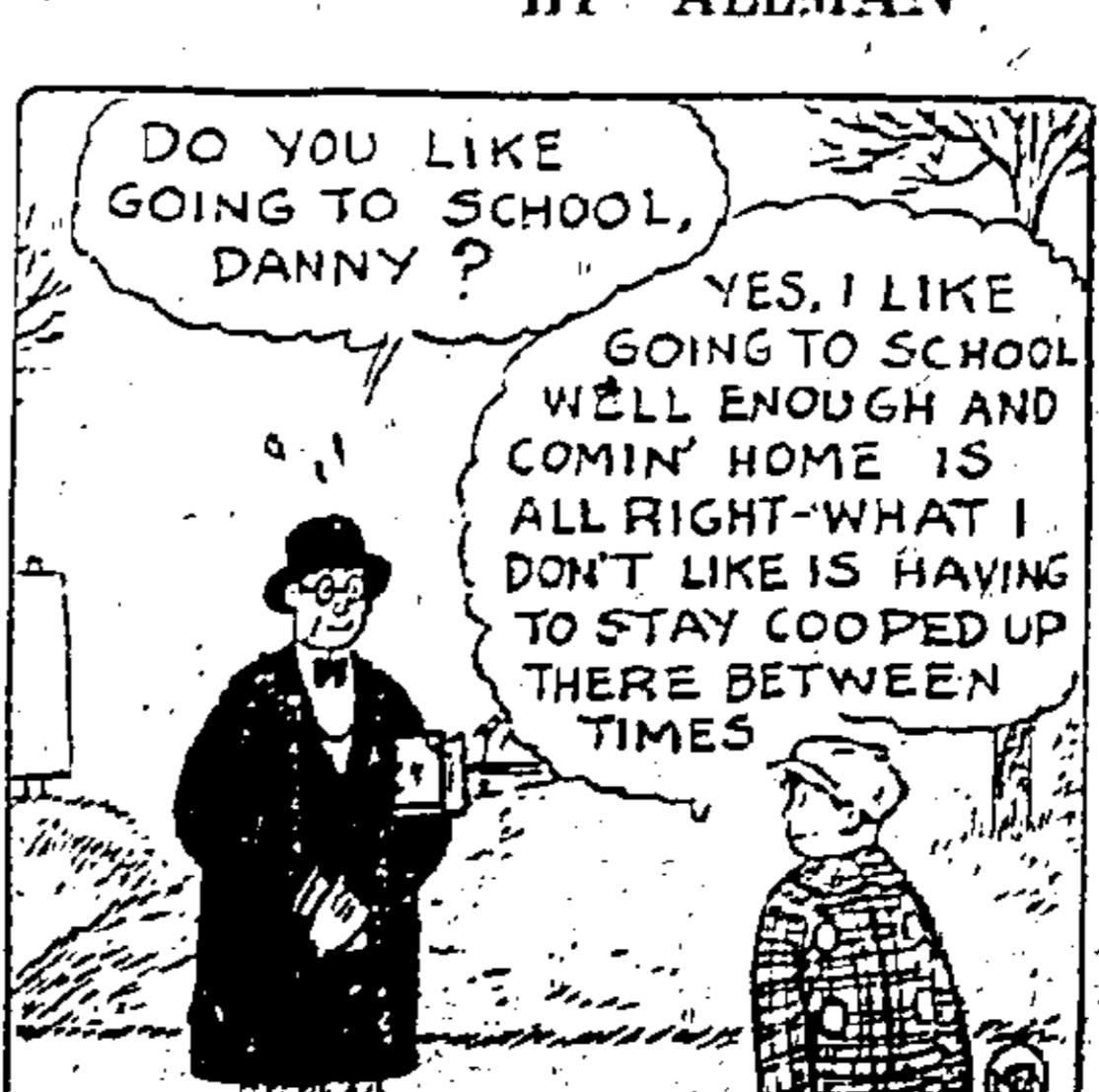
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(United Press Service to the "Telegraph").

WATERWAYS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Senate has voted to investigate the feasibility of connecting the Great Lakes with the Mississippi and thence to the Gulf of Mexico.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

Washington, Dec. 20.

Senator Ladd has introduced a resolution calling for the investigation of Secretary Hughes' failure to recognise Russia.

FORD DOES NOT SEEK PRESIDENCY.

Detroit, Dec. 20.

Mr. Henry Ford announces that he will not seek the Presidency as he is not opposed to President Coolidge.

(Reuters' Service)

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 20.

The Westminster Gazette anticipates that British recognition of the Soviet Government and the reopening of full trade relations will come soon after the Conservative Government relinquishes office. It states that important negotiations have been proceeding, from which it is clear that the Moscow Government will admit its liability for the pre-war Russian debt to Britain. Russia in return will claim compensation for damage arising from the Allied support to the "White" forces after the revolution. She also requires credits as a preliminary to an agreement.

The paper states that a four hundred thousand sterling contract for electrical machinery has just been completed with an important British firm.—Reuters.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

Washington, Dec. 20.

In support of Mr. Hughes' refusal to negotiate with Russia, the State Department has published intercepted detailed plans from the Soviet Government to the "Workers' Party" of America, for a proletarian revolution in the United States "to raise the red flag over the White House." Part of the programme provided for the organisation of fighting units, who would be instructed weekly in shooting and tapper work. The Soviet documents express confidence that the carrying out of the instructions would give enormous results in preparing thousands of new propagandists and future leaders of the military forces of the party, and faithful fighters during the social revolution.—Reuters' American Service.

THE GOULD MILLIONS.

New York, Dec. 20.

The State Supreme Court has awarded each of the children of the late George J. Gould \$563,000 from the trust fund created under their father's will. The Court directed that the money should not be paid them now, but held pending the end of the present litigation. It was expressly stated that the Court "assumed, without deciding," that the children of the former Guinevere Sinclair, W. O. Gould's second wife were entitled to a share in the trust left by their grandfather Jay Gould. The remainder of the estate amounts to \$3,500,000.—Reuters' American Service.

NORTH POLE BY AIRSHIP.

Lakehurst, New Jersey, Dec. 20.

Commander McNary of the dirigible Shenandoah says that the first series of tests in connection with the proposed flight to the North Pole have been satisfactory. The Shenandoah held secure at her mooring mast for 21 hours in a wind varying from six to twenty miles an hour from various points of the compass. The sea method whereby one hundred men might bring down the dirigible instead of the three hundred hitherto required has also proved successful. Cables from the dirigible were attached to block and tackle and three motor trucks only brought down the airship.—Reuters' American Service.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

London, Dec. 20.

There are no signs of a decrease in the spread of foot and mouth disease in Great Britain. Thirty-seven fresh outbreaks of the plague have been reported making a total of 1,239 premises in the infected areas. Cheshire is still most seriously affected but the new areas are Norfolk and Warwickshire. Forty-four thousand cattle, twenty thousand sheep and twenty-four thousand pigs have been slaughtered since the beginning of the outbreak and £1,225,000 have been paid as compensation. The Ministry of Agriculture has prohibited hunting and coursing from the 23rd inst. in all infected areas. Over thirty counties are affected thereby.—Reuters.

WASHINGTON NAVAL AGREEMENT.

Riga, Dec. 20.

M. Chicherin has sent a Note to the League of Nations, saying that the Russian Soviet Government, without changing its general attitude towards the League, is willing to send a representative to discuss the proposed extension of the Washington Naval Agreement to States other than the original signatories provided the League will alter its arrangements and convene a conference outside of Switzerland.—Reuters.

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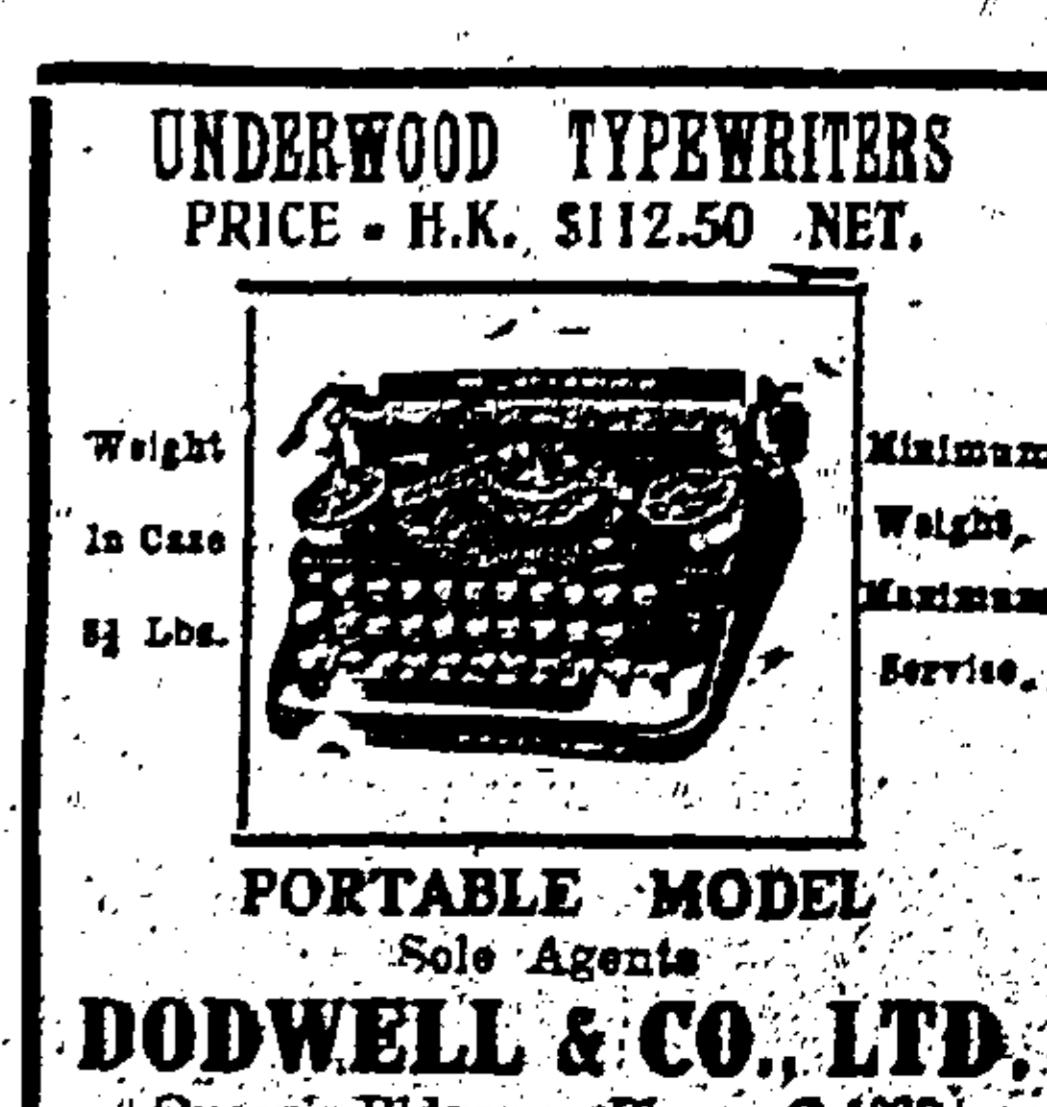
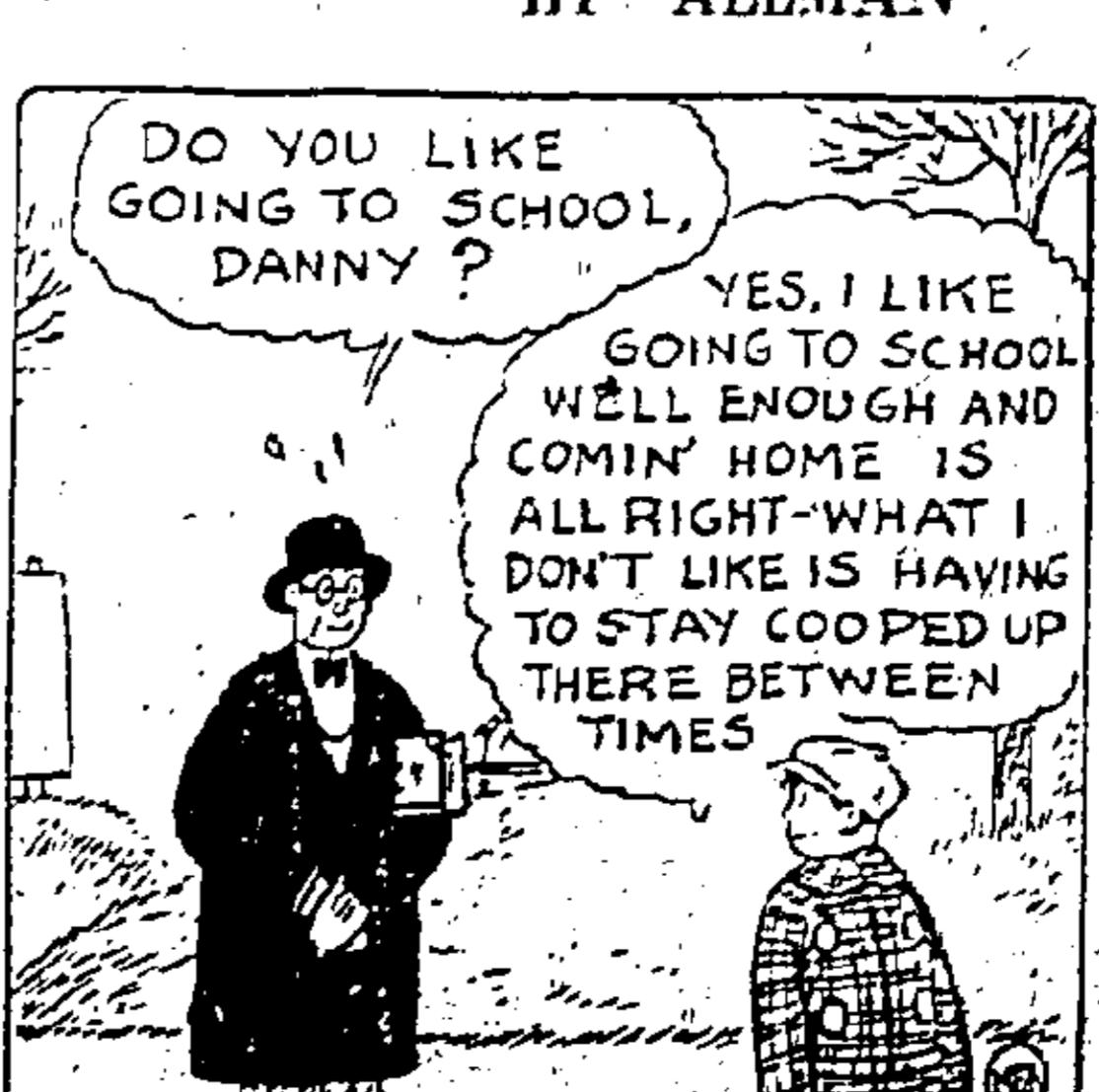
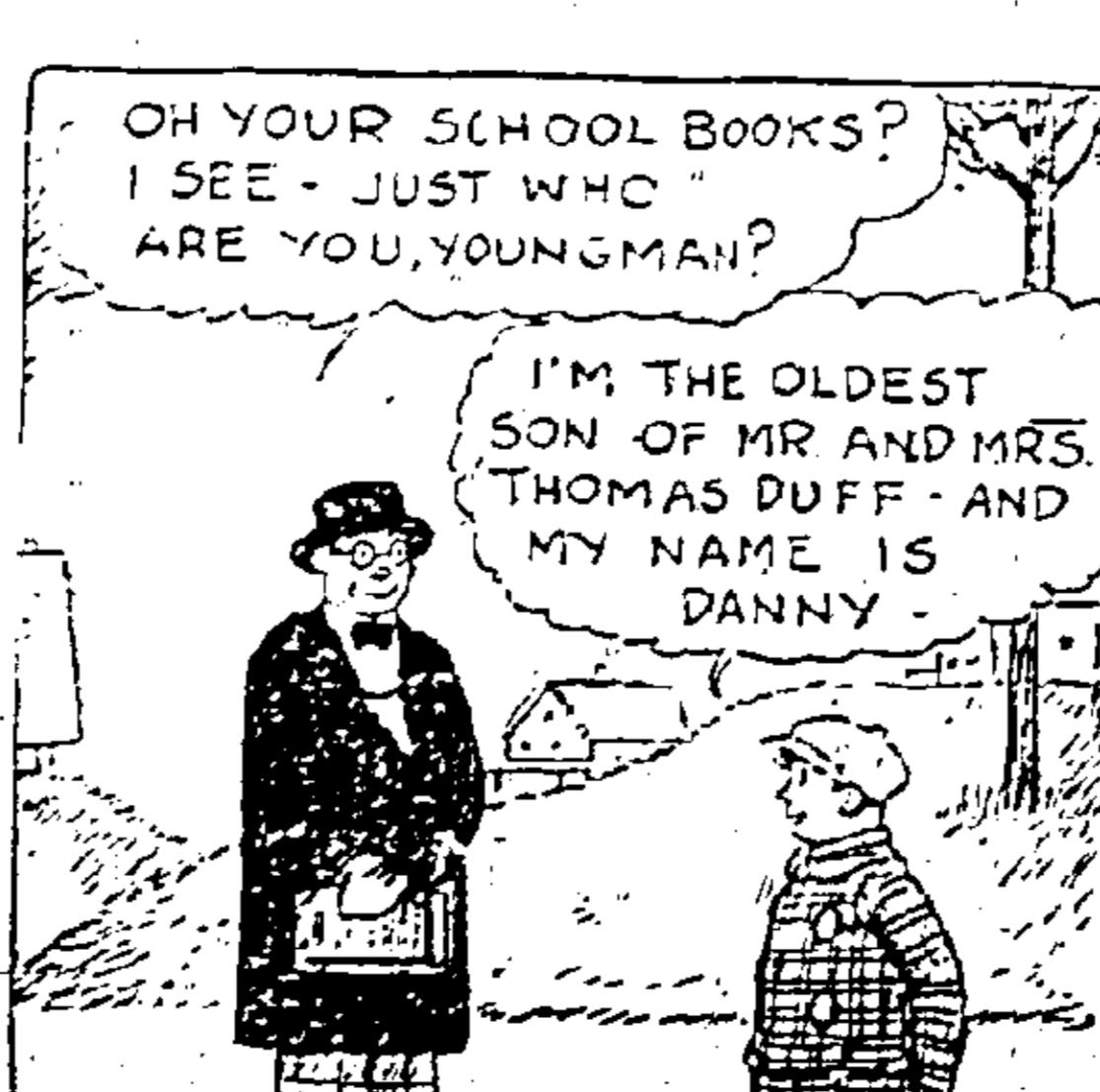
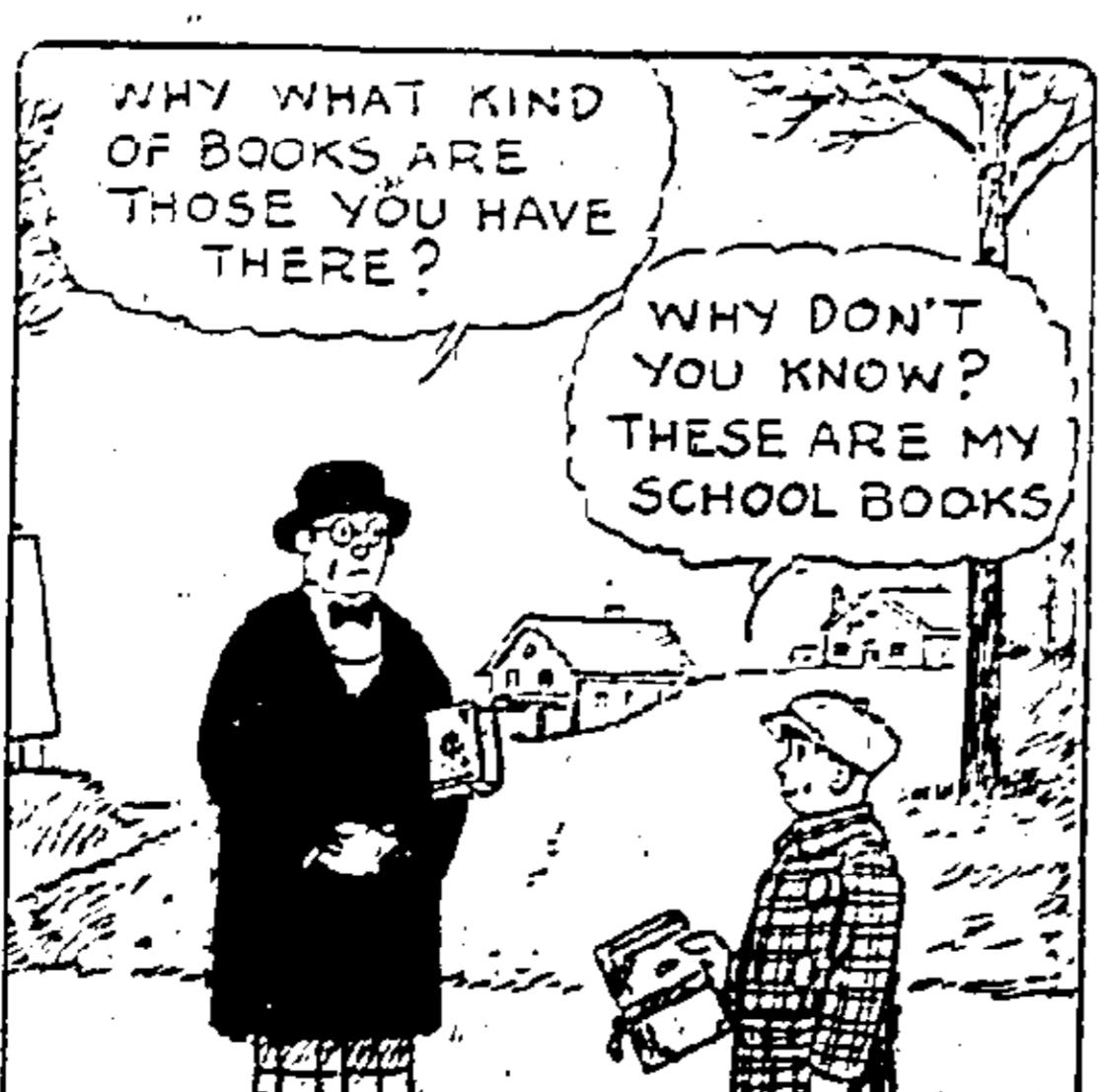
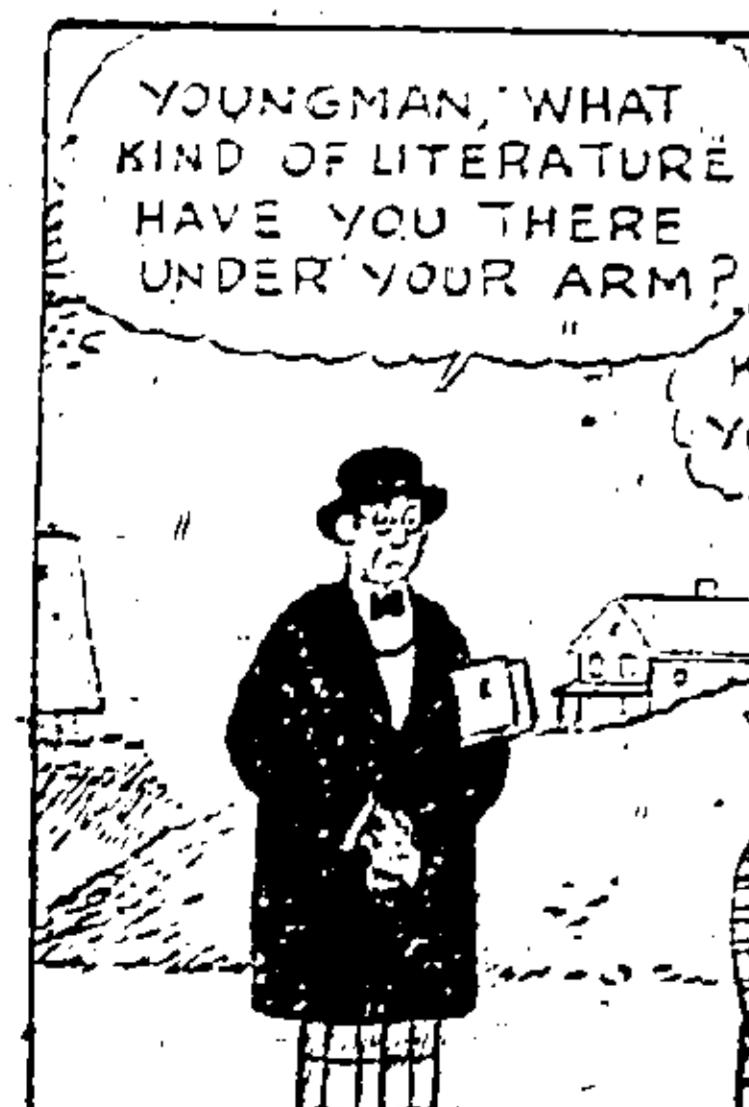
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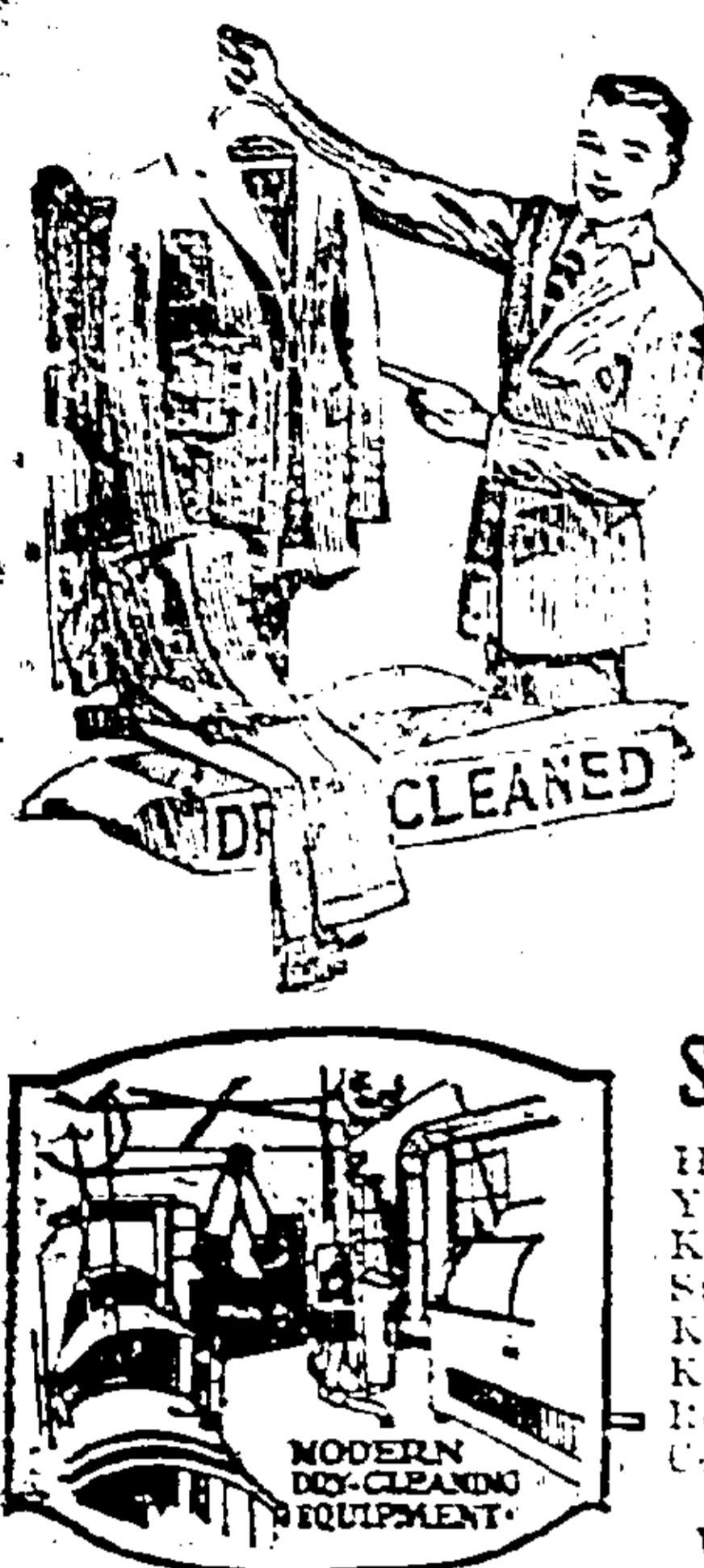
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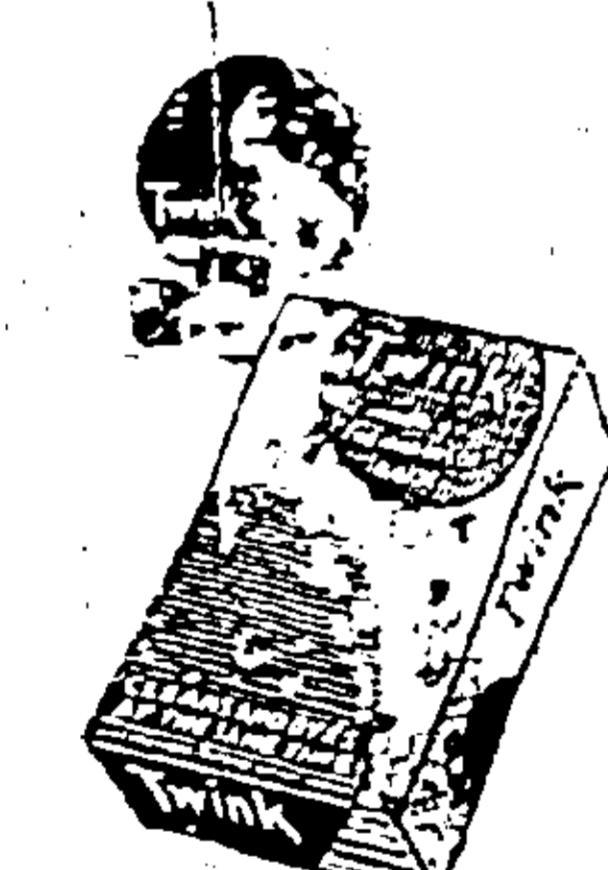
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THE PEAK SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.

The annual prize giving in connection with the Peak School was a very pleasant function. Held at the Peak Club yesterday, it was very largely attended by parents and friends and the scholars treated them to a delightful entertainment of songs, dances and recitations. These were received with warm applause.

Two action songs were sung by a party of scholars, "Darts, Pins and Beans" and "Lobby Left". Theodora Constand gave a delightful recitation "I Wish I Knew" but the palm for reciting went to little Miss Abra Morrison, who evoked much laughter and applause by her remarkably good delivery of "The Devil Dilly". Other items were Folk dances, a recitation "The Marching Song" and a song "The Butterly" in which a large number of scholars appeared on the stage in attractive costume. Probably the best item was the dancing of an old traviote by Valerie Bess, Marion Wolf, Gillian Pearce and Valerie Goodfellow. The dance was particularly well done and great credit is due to the children who took part.

The Hon. Mr. Irving is leading the appeal on behalf of the Homeless. Mrs. Stark said the school year opened with 62 pupils and closed with 52, the decrease being due to the usual exodus. Regarding staff, Miss Mackay joined the staff as kindergarten mistress in January but had to leave in April. Mrs. Lucy Smith is principal kindergarten mistress. On her departure, Miss Dyson was appointed. James Mathews, the teacher of the school, was due to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. MacFie for the six weeks of service in Tangier on November 1st. The school had to be closed for an outbreak of influenza. February 20th since when there had been no infections cases among the children. The health of the school was excellent. The new cloak rooms and lavatories were finished early this year and were a valuable addition to the school. The examination results for the year were satisfactory and standard intelligence tests also showed satisfactory results. Script writing had been adopted and had resulted in much neater work.

Following this Lady Severn presented the prizes that had been awarded during the past year. Peggy Horn afterwards presented a splendid bouquet of carnations to Lady Severn and she was given three hearty cheers by the scholars. She also made herself extremely popular when she requested that the children spend their holiday at once instead of returning to school to-day. Mr. Irving was appealed to and he gave his consent and great applause followed the scholars.

Below is a list of the prize-winners.

Infants: B1—Miss Morrison, Paul Arthur, Dibbs Miller-Jones, Jacob Wainman, Kenneth Griffin, Catherine King, Margaret King, Jack Updell, Audrey Newhouse, Johnna Sutcliffe.

Infants: A2—Heather Lander, Lesley Bridger, Joan Eager, Douglas Colman, Brian Bearley, Marion Dunn.

Infants: A1—Daphne Milner-Jones, Joan Ward, Phoebe Crossland, Marion Lane.

Class 8:—Form Prize, Neil Wilson; General Proficiency, Ronald Mackintosh, Alan Mackintosh and Alan Connor.

Class 8:—Form Prize, Bruce Sutherland.

Class 7:—Form Prize, Peter Yates; Special Prize, Class work, Peter Yates; General Proficiency, Valerie Goodfellow; History and Geography, Joan Hornell.

Class 6:—Form Prize, Ruth McElberry; Special Prize by Mr. Moyle, Ruth McElberry; General Proficiency, Peggy Hornell; Special Prize, Class work, Neatness, Peggy Hornell; General Proficiency, Betty Britton; General Proficiency, Valerie Birs.

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A new Kitchener story was told by Lord Cheylesmore at a luncheon at the Mansion House to winners in the Bisley rifle competitions. Lord Cheylesmore said he went to Kitchener and suggested the raising of a battalion of Bisley shots. Lord Kitchener's reply was: "Would it not be a mistake to put all these eggs in one basket?" Lord Cheylesmore then suggested they should form a school of musketry, and they turned out 12,000 instructors for the new battalions.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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GERMAN FINANCE.

Berlin, Dec. 20. The first attack on the stability of the rentenmark, which has considerably improved economic conditions in Germany was made by Doctor Luther, the Finance Minister, who at a meeting of the board of the Rentenbank requested that it grant the Government credit additional to the 1,200 millions already granted. Dr. Luther declared that it was only a question of a short period credit which would not affect inflation.

The Board rejected the request fearing that further credits to the Government would undermine faith in the rentenmark.

In view of the refusal Dr. Luther has to obtain money by issuing Exchequer short-term bills in rentenmarks to banks and agricultural and industrial concerns.—Reuters.

BRITISH IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

London, Dec. 20. Except in the unlikely eventuality of the Labour Party taking them over, Mr. Baldwin's preference proposals at the Imperial Conference seem for the present to be doomed. The Liberal press are emphatically declaring that the electorate's rejection of Protection has necessarily involved the rejection of the Preference proposals.

The Daily News feels sure that the suggestion that the Dominions have a kind of moral right to insist that the proposals Mr. Baldwin chose to make to their representatives must be carried out whatever the opinion of the British people, will be immediately repudiated by responsible Dominion statesmen when they consider it coolly.

The Manchester Guardian says Mr. Baldwin's Imperial preference infractions of free trade must be reversed as a matter of course at the earliest possible moment.—Reuters.

INDIAN FRONTIER OUTRAGES.

Delhi, Dec. 20. A frontier conference between the Afghan Governor of Jalalabad and the Political Agent for Khyber has fixed the responsibility for harbouring the Afghans gang of murderers of British officers on the Sanga tribe whose representatives were detained as hostages by the Governor, but released during the night. The gang dispersed on learning of the death of six hundred regulars against them and are still at large.

An assembly of Mullahs have a verdict against three tribesmen for the murder of Lieutenant Webster in 6th July and has called on the Shabi tribe to surrender the culprits, falling which the tribe is liable to a fine of twelve thousand rupees.—Reuters.

THE CHESTER CONCESSIONS.

New York, Dec. 20. Mr. Knivells, counsel to the Ottoman American Development Company, announces the formation of a syndicate of London banking houses, with capital of £5,000,000, to which control of the Chester concessions may eventually pass if the company fails to obtain the necessary capital in the United States.—Reuters American Service.

DIABETES TREATMENT.

London, Dec. 20. The price of insulin is being reduced from 1s. 9d. to 1s. 3d. per dose. It is stated that all demands can now be met.—Reuters.

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On Christmas Day and Wed., 26th December, all departments will be CLOSED. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. & from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

Christmas & New Year Holidays.

HIS Department will be entirely closed on Tuesday the 25th December, 1923. It will be open for all purposes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday the 26th December, 1923, and on Tuesday the 1st January, 1924. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates. J. D. LLOYD, Superintendent Imports and Exports, Hongkong, 21st December 1923.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 5 Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, Hongkong, at noon on the 18th day of December, 1923, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution that is to say:

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily".

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on the 4th day of January, 1924, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming it as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A further Resolution will be proposed at the second meeting for the appointment of a Liquidator or Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up and distribution of their remuneration. L. S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. General Agents for The Kowloon Land & Building Company, Limited, Hongkong, 30th Nov., 1923.

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No. S. 446.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for quarries", will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out of his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot. No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Open Annual Deposit with Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
Ah Kung Ngam No. 1	2.15	\$ 650.00	\$ 60.00
Ah Kung Ngam No. 2	.93	280.00	50.00
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Shaukiwan Lot. No. 1	37.00	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 550.00
Shaukiwan Lot. No. 2	40.38	6,060.00	600.00
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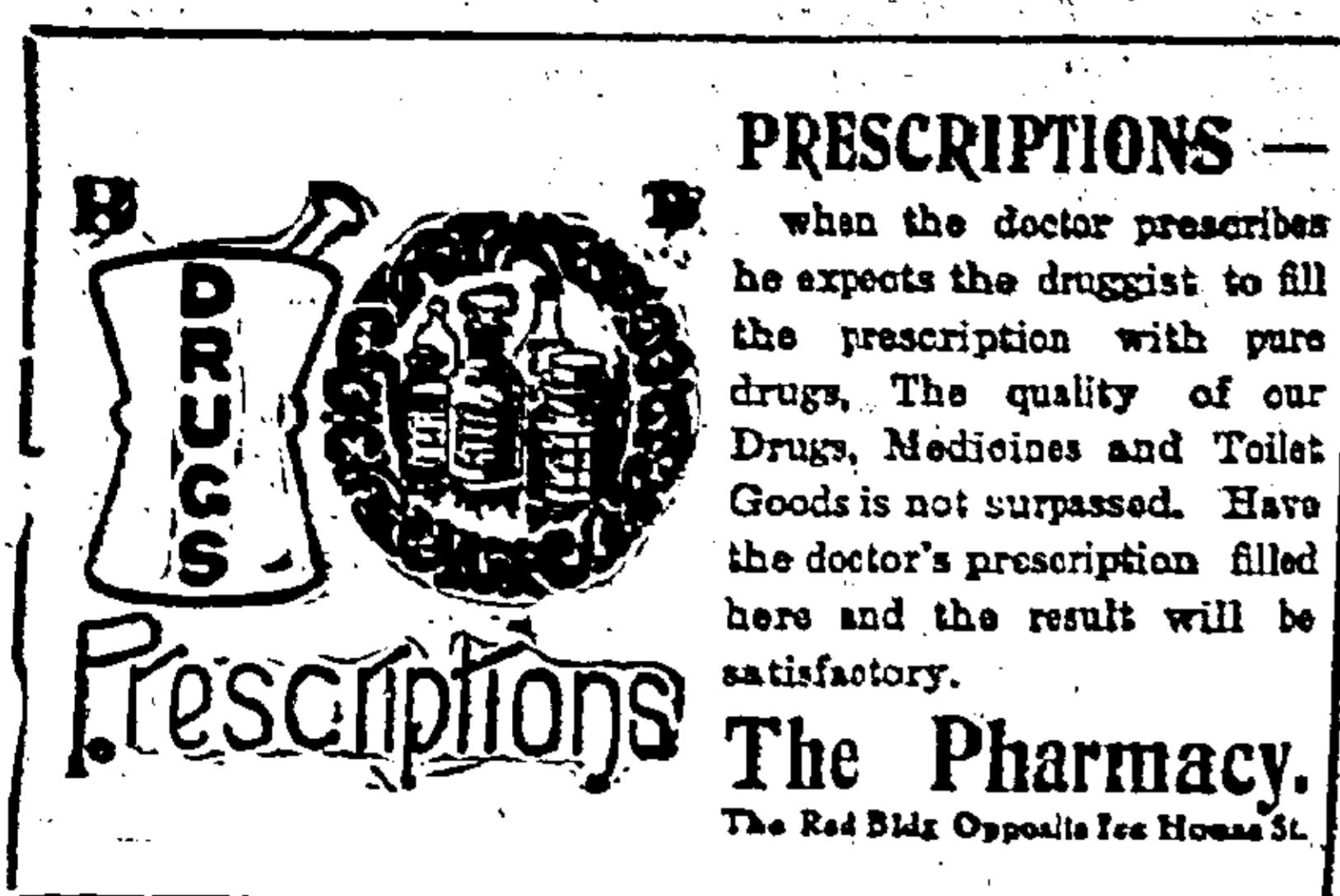
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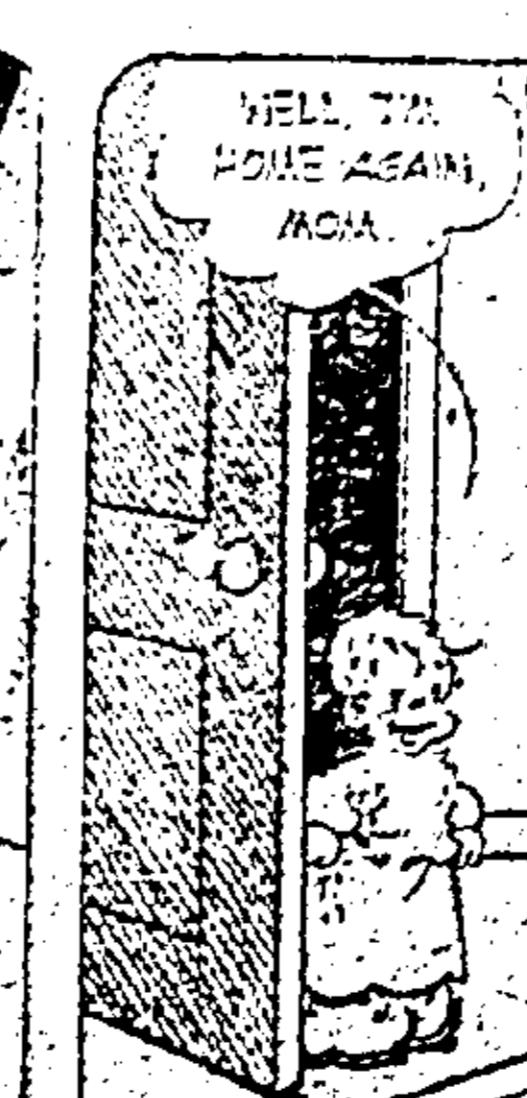
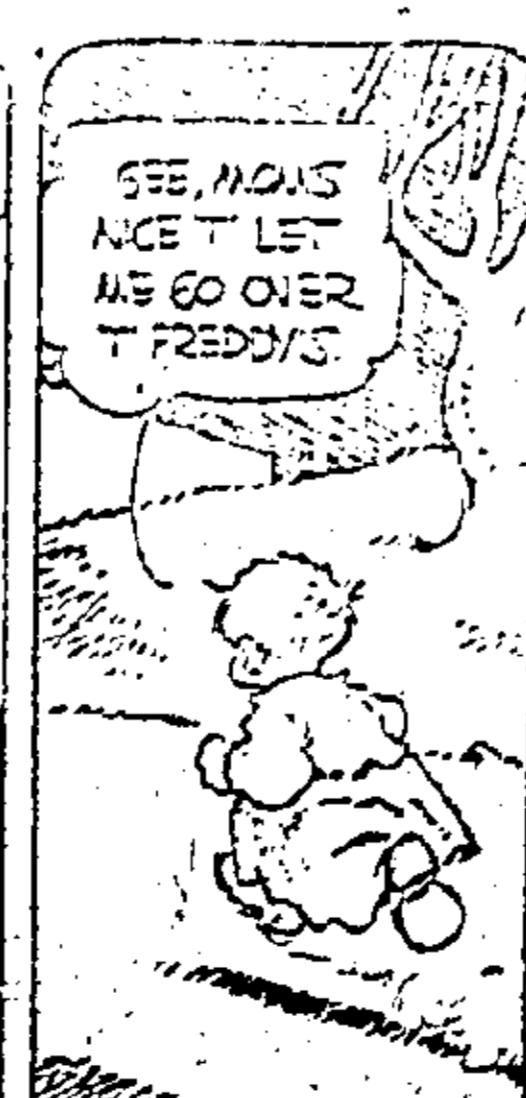
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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 21st Dec., 1923.

CANTON LABOUR THREATS.

Whether the threat of Canton labour organisations to call a general strike of all Chinese employed on foreign ships if the Customs dispute is not settled according to the wishes of the Sun Yat-sen regime is a piece of bluff designed to scare the Powers, or whether there is a real danger of labour unrest resulting, time will tell. That the Labour element is active and that it is not being re-trained in its activity by the Canton Government there can be no doubt. Their leader, Tse Ying-pak, declares that two hundred and fifty Guilds under his control are solidly behind the Government, and he has informed a *Telegraph* representative that these bodies are now working out schemes by which they may throw their weight into the scales.

In the past when Dr. Sun has been in difficulties, he has relied to a very considerable extent for support by his followers amongst the student and labouring classes. He appears to be following the same line now, for reports say that he has called two leaders of these factions before him and authorised another big public demonstration for Sunday next. It is worthy of notice that last week's demonstrations, although described as public mass meetings, were for the most part attended by the labouring and student classes—the stormy elements who would be much more profitably employed in working and studying than in interfering in political questions with which they are in no sense competent to deal. These noisy agitators can always be relied upon to join in any movement which appears to give them a sense of being important; they

are often tools in the hands of cleverer and sometimes more unscrupulous men. Politicians who have the true welfare of their country at heart should hesitate to call such elements to their aid—there is always a danger of setting forces in motion which cannot be controlled.

We shall be surprised if the labouring class in particular should really join in any strike movement just to support Dr. Sun on a political issue. What will they have to gain, anyhow? And have they already forgotten the shameful scenes in Canton produced by the commanding of many of their own class for military transport work? They have had precious little liberty in Canton during the past year. If they should take an active part in the dispute, then we may attribute the development either to fear of the consequences of refusal, or to the movement being skillfully engineered by glib-tongued leaders, most of whom would be serving their country better if they did a hard day's work now and then. Unhappily, past experience has shown us that to the professional agitator the Chinese worker is as clay in the potter's hand. That fact is well-known to Canton officialdom, and quite possibly they are relying on it now.

Greek Affairs.

For several years there has been a continual tumult in Greece, and one wonders how the ordinary administration of the country has continued through the vicissitudes it has had to experience. There was at one period a revolt against King Constantine, and he left, somewhat hurriedly, M. Venizelos, the Cretan statesman, becoming the temporary idol of the populace. Then "Tino" came back, and the Allies were taken to task for permitting the return of a pro-German monarch. But the King had to depart not very long afterwards. The military policy of the court at Athens led to the campaign against the Turks, which developed into a Greek disaster. For this, soldiers and politicians paid the penalty, being savagely executed after what was described as a farcical trial. Britain's representative was withdrawn from Athens, and for a while Greece was in disgrace. Memories, however, are necessarily short in international diplomacy, and it was not long before everything was as before. The present King of Greece appeared to have a big following, and the Revolutionary regime was too anomalous to last. With the discovery of Royalist plots, which very nearly meant another series of executions, the popular vote has turned in favour of a republic. We find M. Venizelos back in favour, and the King sitting to a neighbouring State, after refusing a demand to abdicate. A Greek republic, with M. Venizelos as President, might be a good idea, but there will always be the Royalist element, and M. Venizelos cannot last forever. We do not want a second Mexico, in Europe. It looks as if the Greek baby is going to be a very troublesome infant, and its foster parents must be getting rather "fed up" by now, especially with their many other anxieties.

In the past when Dr. Sun has been in difficulties, he has relied to a very considerable extent for support by his followers amongst the student and labouring classes. He appears to be following the same line now, for reports say that he has called two leaders of these factions before him and authorised another big public demonstration for Sunday next. It is worthy of notice that last week's demonstrations, although described as public mass meetings, were for the most part attended by the labouring and student classes—the stormy elements who would be much more profitably employed in working and studying than in interfering in political questions with which they are in no sense competent to deal. These noisy agitators can always be relied upon to join in any movement which appears to give them a sense of being important; they

DAY BY DAY.ONLY LOVE, STRONG AND SUB-LIME, CAN BRING HELP TO EUROPE.—*M. Durand.*

The Kowloon Dock Ball is to be held on the 28th instant.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Australia were Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams and Mr. G. S. Archibald.

There will be a special Christmas Carol Service in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Sunday evening, when solos will be sung by Mrs. Clements.

There were 51 fresh cases of small-pox notified during the 24 hours ending yesterday. Fourteen of these cases came from the City. There was also one British case of diphtheria.

In the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, judgment for £16 was entered in favour of the Hongkong Cigar Co. Ltd., against S. Mouselleen, for goods sold and delivered.

After the run of "Fools and Riches" finishes at the Grand to-night, the big Griffith picture "Way Down East" is due on Christmas Day. Constance Talmage in "Wedding Bells" and Harold Lloyd in "Now or Never" is the attraction announced.

A highway robbery is reported to have occurred in the New Territory on Tuesday. Wong Ki, an ex-soldier, living at 7, Shang-nai Street, Yau-tai, informed the police that at 11.30 on Tuesday morning three men stopped him on the railway lines near Sheungshui village. He broke away and bolted, but was intercepted by eight other men, two of them brandishing daggers. The robbers relieved him of £15 and a gold finger ring.

Convicted of stealing and killing a cat belonging to the Chinese Engineers' Institute, in Connaught Road Central, a Chinese cook was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning. Another man was also charged, but the case against him was dismissed on the cook's admission that he was helping him at his request. The evidence showed that the cook, who lives a few doors from the Institute, was seen by a member of the Institute scraping the dead cat's hair on the roof preparatory to cooking the carcass.

An interesting page of pictures will appear in to-morrow's *Telegraph*. Photos of the football teams, South China and "The Rest," a group of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. English Debating Class; the whaler crew of H.M.S. Despatch which won the Whaler Class in the 1923 Regatta; a view of the Library of Nanking University, recently destroyed by fire; a picture of an antique seven-storeyed pagoda recently presented to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Shanghai and a group of Shanghai woollen piece goods merchants goes to make up the page.**MANILA QUAKE.****DISTURBS SLEEPERS.**Manila, Dec. 21.—A quake lasting few seconds occurred at 4 o'clock this morning in Verde Island channel, 150 miles south of Manila. It woke up many who were asleep. *Hunter.*

Bitter in the hearts of the "Red" leaders is the realisation that Britain has "tumbled to" their game in Afghanistan, and is no longer going to take things lying down. The only way to convince the jackals who snap at the lion's flanks that the pastime is a dangerous one is for the lion to rouse itself and if necessary impose painful correction on its tormentors. This is what appears to be happening, hence the frenzied yelping in the jackal pack. The Afghans would be far more inclined to co-operate in subduing the murder gangs on the frontier were it not for the poisonous whispers from the North and the fear that these vultures of propaganda might misfire can be discerned at the bottom of the Soviet apprehensions and calumnies.

FIGHTING NEAR SHEKLUNG.**WOUNDED SENT TO CANTON.**

According to the latest reports received here, fighting has been taking place between Chan King-ning's troops and the "Constitutionalist" forces a few miles from Shek Tan and Shek Lung. It was particularly heavy on the 18th and 19th, and about 500 wounded soldiers have been sent back to hospitals in Canton for treatment. A large number of reinforcements have been sent from Canton.

It is reported that at a meeting of the military commanders, held at the Cement Works a few days ago, Dr. Sun Yat-sen intimated that he hoped to have \$10,000,000 in hand very soon to meet the expenses of the proposed northern expedition.

The Public Peace Bureau of Canton has received an order asking it to request all owners of wharves to subscribe three months' rent in advance to the Government. It is stated that the receipt for such a payment could be used to pay any Government taxes falling due during the coming year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong "Telegraph.")

The Customs Dispute.

Sir—I should like to advise Dr. Sun-Yat-sen to leave the Customs Surplus alone, not dare to think about taking it or start any of his absurd capers. He should mind his own business and not interfere with Peking's affairs. He has already made enough suffering for the people of Kwangtung by drastic laws, without making any more. The farmers, merchants and others should rise up and drive them out of Kwangtung, which would be a great blessing to the people.

Regarding the Labour Party agitating to help him to accomplish his threats, I think they ought to be ashamed of themselves. They will ruin China the same as the Soviets have done to poor Russia.

I would advise the Labour Party to think twice before leaping into so silly and babyish a method. What they should think about is to get a method or way to get rid of the tyrants of Kwangtung. This would be a god-send to the subdued people and also for China as a whole.

Yours etc.

THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND.
Hongkong, Dec. 21st, 1923.**ROAD IMPROVEMENT.****QUEEN'S ROAD AND PEDDER STREET.**

Owing to the low floor level of the new A.P.C. building in Queen's Road and the fact that the floor of the new building on the old Post Office site, on the other side of Queen's Road, is on an exact level with it, it has been found necessary to alter the road levels at the top of Pedder Street and the Queen's Road corner. Workmen are now busy on this alteration.

We learn that on the Queen's Road-Pedder Street corner the height of the road is going to be lowered seven inches, whilst along Queen's Road, opposite the new theatre, it has to be raised nearly 18 inches. The bottom few yards of Wyndham Street will have a steeper gradient than now, and it was at one time proposed to put a flight of steps there, but that project has been abandoned. Later on, the dip in Pedder Street will be taken out and a uniform gradient made right from Des Voeux Road to Queen's Road. It is also proposed to raise the level of Queen's Road, from Pedder Street to Ico House Street, so that from the bottom of Battery Path there will be one level road right along to the Central Market.

This latter improvement will only be possible when re-buildings have allowed floor levels to be raised, as has been done in the case of the new Bank of China building. JAPAN'S FASCISTI. Signor Mussolini received on Nov. 5, in Rome, Mr. Marato Sometani, who has been sent by Mr. Sanjo Moto, the founder of the Japanese Fascist movement—Yitsugyo Doshikai, as it is called in Japan. Mr. Sometani was presented to the Premier by Mr. Shimoni, Professor of Japanese at the Oriental Institute of Naples. Signor Mussolini was greatly interested to hear of the political conditions and moral problems of Japan. The Premier promised to send a message of greeting and good wishes to the new Japanese Fascist movement.

KOWLOON FLAT DISPUTE.**CLAIM AGAINST NATHAN ROAD TENANT.**

A claim by Mr. Chan Shun-see against Mr. R. A. Clark for possession of the first floor of No. 33, Nathan Road, Kowloon, occupied Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Summary Court, the greater part of this morning.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. M. Watson, while the defence was conducted by Mr. F. G. Vaux.

Mr. Watson, outlining the facts, said the flat was let to a Mr. Boulderson sometime ago. The rent for June, July, August, and September was in arrears and on Nov. 17th, the landlord obtained an order for possession.

Defendant claimed that he went into the flat sometime in September as a sub-tenant, and the rent of \$70 a month from September to date had been paid into Court.

On Oct. 6th a letter was received from Mr. Clark, stating that he was looking after the flat for Mr. Boulderson and would the landlord collect the rent. The shroff called. He was offered the rent for September, but as rent was owing for four months, he refused to accept it.

Mr. Watson submitted that he was entitled to possession, because the defendant said he was only occupying the flat and was paying the rent for Mr. Boulderson. It defendant was not a caretaker but a tenant, then Mr. Watson contended that defendant was not protected by the Rents Ordinance. The tenancy of Mr. Boulderson having expired, *ipso facto* the tenancy of Mr. Clark went with it.

Mr. Clark, clerk in the Royal Naval Yard, giving evidence, said he took possession on Sept. 23rd. Hearing through an advertisement in the newspaper that the flat was to let, he got in touch with Mr. Boulderson and came to an agreement to take over the flat and to purchase the furniture for \$400, including fixtures and fittings. He was informed that the rent for September had not been paid. He, therefore, obtained \$70 from Mr. Boulderson and on Oct. 10th offered it to the shroff, who refused to accept it. When Mrs. Boulderson handed over the keys to witness she told him that the rent was two months in arrears: Mr. Boulderson was then not in the Colony, but he would pay this money to the landlord. Mr. Clark admitted that his letter was somewhat misleading, but he contended that he was a sub-tenant of Mr. Boulderson.

Cross-examining on a letter given to Mr. Clark by Mr. Boulderson when defendant took over, Mr. Watson asked defendant what he meant by becoming a tenant during Mr. Boulderson's absence? When Mr. Boulderson returned to the Colony, was Mr. Clark going to give the flat back to him? Mr. Clark replied that he was a sub-tenant.

Mr. Watson suggested that defendant had taken over the flat while Mr. Boulderson was away and that had been written down. When Mr. Boulderson returned defendant was going to stand on his rights under the Rents Ordinance.

Mr. Watson elicited from defendant that he knew the landlord was negotiating with Mr. Boulderson to get the flat back. In his address for the defence, Mr. Vaux submitted that it seemed clear that while negotiations were on, Mr. Boulderson made a better bargain by subletting the flat to Mr. Clark. As defendant did not occupy the flat for the whole of September and the rent for that month was paid by Mr. Boulderson, that explained his statement in the letter to the landlord that he was paying for Mr. Boulderson...

His Honour reserved his decision.

CANTON OUTLOOK.

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The Signatory Powers of the Final Protocol of September 7th, 1901, derive from that Protocol the right to ensure priority of payment of interest and amortization of certain foreign loans secured on the Customs Revenues to 1901 and of payment of interest and amortization of indemnity mentioned in Article 10 thereof, but no Treaty right has been conferred upon them to decide for what purpose the Chinese Government shall use funds which at the end of such year shall remain at the disposal of that Government after service of the said loans and indemnity shall have been entirely provided for.

Moreover, by agreement between the Diplomatic Body and the Chinese Government of January 30th, 1912, the former were practically appointed trustees of the Chinese Maritime Customs revenues for protection of the above-mentioned services, but that agreement did not confer upon the Corps Diplomatique the power to allocate the surplus.

"As to payment out of surplus for certain domestic loans to which Mr. Wu in his letter to the senior Consular representative refers, it has to be pointed out that the Corps Diplomatique are in no way concerned with the service of the loans which were instituted without their previous being consulted."

Finally, the reply contains a reminder that the arrangement by which the existing "Constitutional Government" at Canton was handed over a certain percentage of the Customs Surplus in 1919-1920 was arrived at between that Government and the Chinese Government of Peking. The Corps Diplomatique on the occasion neither took an active part nor did they act as intermediary for the conclusion of that arrangement. It is evident they could not do so now either.

SEN CABLES BRITISH LABOUR LEADER.

An important move has just come from Dr. Sun. I learn that this morning he caused to be dispatched, over his signature, a cable to England containing an official communication to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the leader of the Labour Party, on the situation, with particular reference to the assembly of naval ships on the river. It contained also a criticism of the part played by the British Consul General in the present situation.

The Canton Government entertain great hopes from the growing power of the Labour Party in England. It transpires also that the British Labour leader and Dr. Sun had met before. This was in England at a time when both were in the early days of their political careers. A community of interest is stated to have brought them together, and it is hoped from this that a solution satisfactory to the Canton Government will be achieved as a result of correspondence on the subject.

Tse Ying-pak disclosed that he had received a questionaire from the Labour Guilds of Hongkong as to the participation of Kwangtung labour organisation in the negotiations, but informed me that he had not as yet informed them of what he intended to do yet.

A HONGKONG CIRCULAR. There is being distributed in Hongkong at present a circular printed in Chinese urging a boycott of British and American goods as a protest against foreign action in sending warships to Canton in connection with the Customs dispute. We have to-day received by post two copies of this circular, which is issued by an organisation styling itself "The People of Hongkong and Brethren Society for Saving the Country." We presume the authorities are aware of the distribution of these leaflets.

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OPIUM SMUGGLING.

SOME COMMENTS BY OUR GOVERNOR.

The Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium, which passed all its remaining stages at the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, was the subject of comment by H. E. the Governor, on the culpability of ships' crews in smuggling and the lack of support for the authorities from shipping companies.

Sir Edward Stubbs said, with

reference to a statement by the Hon. Mr. A. D. Lang concerning the impossibility of proving that ships' officers or their servants, or the crew, were not implicated in smuggling, that this impossibility arose in many cases from the fact that the persons indicated were so implicated. It was extremely difficult to believe that any cases arose in which some member of the crew was not concerned. Sir Edward added that he was afraid the Government had not received from the shipping companies of the Colony the support they had a right to expect, and that the companies had not dealt sufficiently severely with members of their crew when there had been a question of opium smuggling and a doubt had been thrown on the *bona fides* of the men. "To put it quite frankly, it is a fact well known to everybody that the commander-in-chief of the shipping firms have a great deal to do with this matter, and that an officer who is strict in looking for opium smuggling is afraid of getting into trouble with the commander-in-chief of not being supported by his employers."

His Excellency then commented on the specific case of the *Loung Sang*, to which Mr. Lang had referred, saying: "I am not a sea-faring man but I venture to submit that it is impossible to examine a propeller shaft tunnel while the ship is under way, and I think that is a matter which might have been enquired into, as to who gave instructions that the examination should not be made until the ship was under weigh at a time when discovery was practically impossible." He thought the Magistrate's comments, in that case, on the alleged penalising effect of the law on shipowners, were scarcely in accordance with the evidence which had been received.

The clause reading that the

owner, agents, and master of a ship shall be culpable in a smuggling transaction unless it be proved that none of the officers,

their servants, or crew be implicated,

which Mr. Lang had

sought to have omitted, was therefore approved, and passed with the remaining clauses of the Ordinance.

PASSPORTS AND DEPORTATION.

QUESTION OF A MAGISTRATE'S POWERS.

At the Legislative Council

yesterday, the second reading,

committee stage and third reading

of the Ordinance regulating the admission of persons into the Colony were passed.

The Hon. Mr. Pollard suggested

that the power vested by the new

regulations in a magistrate, who

could, for certain offences, order

expulsion of a person from the

Colony, should be vested in H. E.

the Governor. The Governor in

Council would be a better

authority to determine whether

anybody arriving without a pass-

port should be expelled.

The Attorney General said the

object of the clause was to give

the power to a judicial officer.

In the course of the discussion H. E.

the Governor suggested they had

best pass the law then as it stood,

the question being whether they

should amend it later. The

Attorney General pointed out

that one advantage of giving the

power to a Magistrate was that a

man had an opportunity of stating

his case against an order for ex-

pulsion. The Ordinance was

eventually passed without

amendment of this clause.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. H.M.S. TITANIA.

The following team has been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their League match against H.M.S. *Titania* to-morrow on St. Joseph's ground at 4 p.m.: F. Wheeler; J. Morton and T. L. Knight; J. Leonard, J. McElvie and H. G. Wheeler; K. Mason, C. Millard, A. Latham, B. Pasco and A. Duncan. Reserve: E. Cooke.

KOWLOON 2ND v. EAST SURREY RES.

In this League match to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., Kowloon, playing at home, will be represented by J. Beach; F. Ollier and D. Urquhart; S. Randle, S. Sibley and H. Rasmussen; V. Hast, B. Vickars, W. H. Brown, A. Sparry and B. T. Haylock. Reserves: L. H. Taylor and S. Chapman.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

On Christmas day, commencing at 2.30 p.m., and on Boxing day, commencing at 10.15 a.m., the following team will represent the Club against the United Services: H. R. Hancock (capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton, G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, Rev. E. K. Quick, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More, E. G. Lammet and A. C. I. Bowker.

SHANGHAI INTERPORT TEAM v. THE REST.

On Saturday, commencing at 2.15 p.m., and on New Year's day, commencing at 10.15 a.m., the following team will play in the match *Last Shanghai Interport Team v. The Rest*:

Last Shanghai Interport Team: T. E. Pearce (capt.), G. R. Sayer, A. A. Claxton, Rev. E. K. Quick, A. E. Wood, H. Owen Hughes, A. A. Rumjahn, H. N. Balhachet, C. M. Omar, Capt. E. R. S. Dods and H. E. Hollands.

The Rest: H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), R. E. O. Bird, R. E. A. Webster, E. P. Reed, F. J. R. Mitchell, B. D. Evans, G. F. More, G. Lammet, F. J. de Roma, A. C. L. Gage and A. C. I. Bowker.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian P.C. in their League match with the Navy on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. on the former's ground: A. el Arculli (capt.), S. H. Ismail, P. Madar, U. M. Omar, A. H. Madar, J. S. Curran, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, H. D. Rumjahn, and A. H. Rumjahn. Reserve: F. M. Arculli.

HOCKEY.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES.

On Wednesday, an excellent match took place between the Club and the Navy at the U.S.R.C. Neither was at full strength, but on the whole they were equally matched and a hard, fast game resulted. At the beginning the Club did not get going properly and the Navy scored the only goal of this half.

After the interval, the Navy forwards became somewhat disorganized and the Club, playing up, began to have the better of the game. More equalized for them and then Woodward, neatly taking a good pass from Plummer on the right wing, put them ahead. A little later, the Navy drew level through a goal by Lake, but shortly afterwards More scored the winning goal for the Club.

For the Navy, Worthington at centre-half and Gregory at back were prominent, and for the Club Mitchell, Sim and Murray were outstanding in the defence, while among the forwards More made good use of his speed.

The Attorney General said the object of the clause was to give the power to a judicial officer. In the course of the discussion H. E. the Governor suggested they had best pass the law then as it stood, the question being whether they should amend it later. The Attorney General pointed out that one advantage of giving the power to a Magistrate was that a man had an opportunity of stating his case against an order for ex-

pulsion. The Ordinance was

eventually passed without

amendment of this clause.

CLUB 2ND v. UNIVERSITY.

At Happy Valley on the same day, the newly-constituted Club 2nd team met the University. Both sides suffered from lack of practice and the ground was not conducive to accuracy, but a fast and pleasant game was played.

The University combined bet-

ter and scored the only goal of

the first half, through Shahabudin

after a short passing movement

by their forwards. In the second

half, the play was fairly even

and the University scored again

through Leong Ho-wing. The

Club, however, kept on pressing

and towards the end, Faers

scored a goal for them. Among the

University players Osman and

Rumjahn were noticeable, and

Remington and Rowell were good

in the Club defence. University

won by 2 goals to 1.

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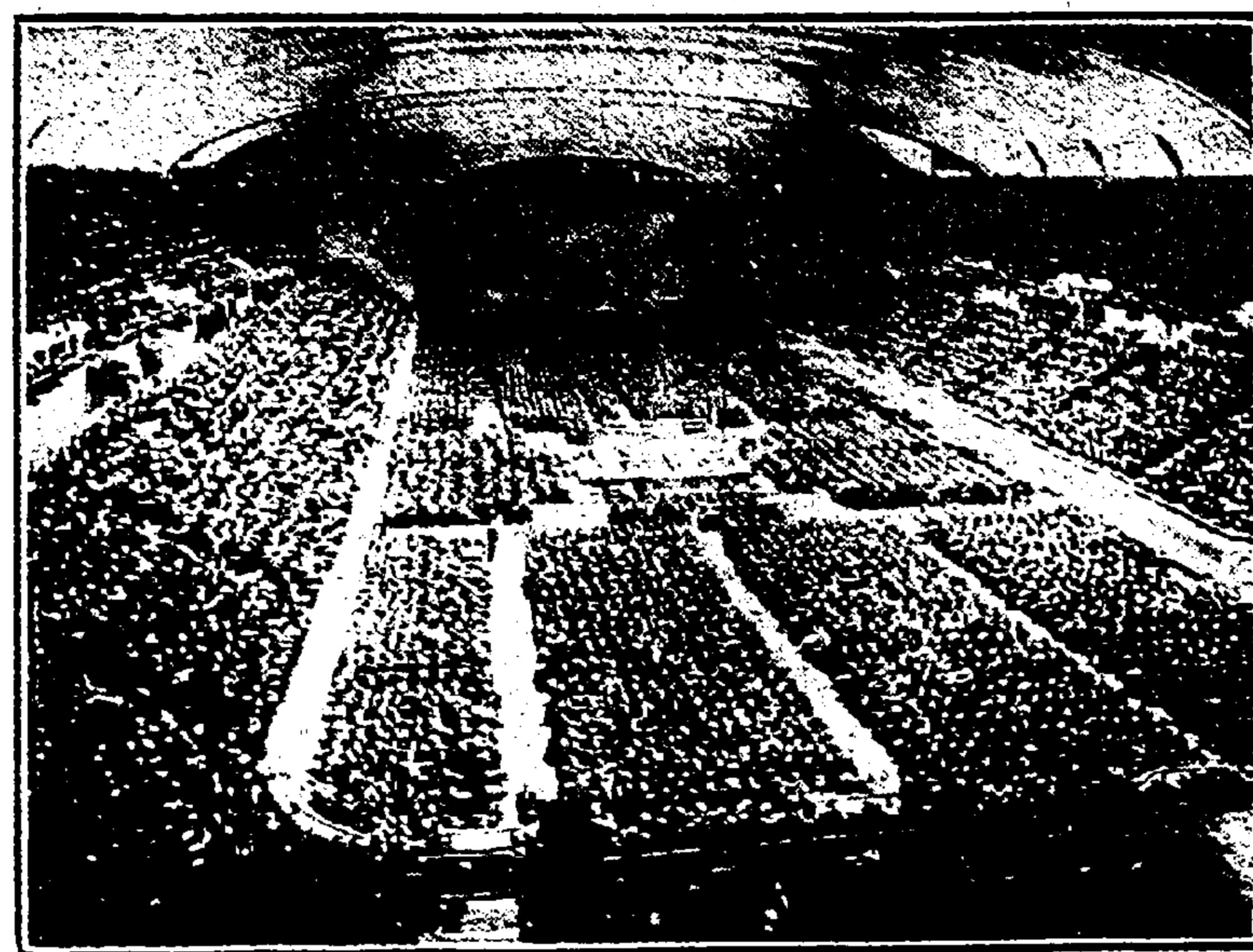
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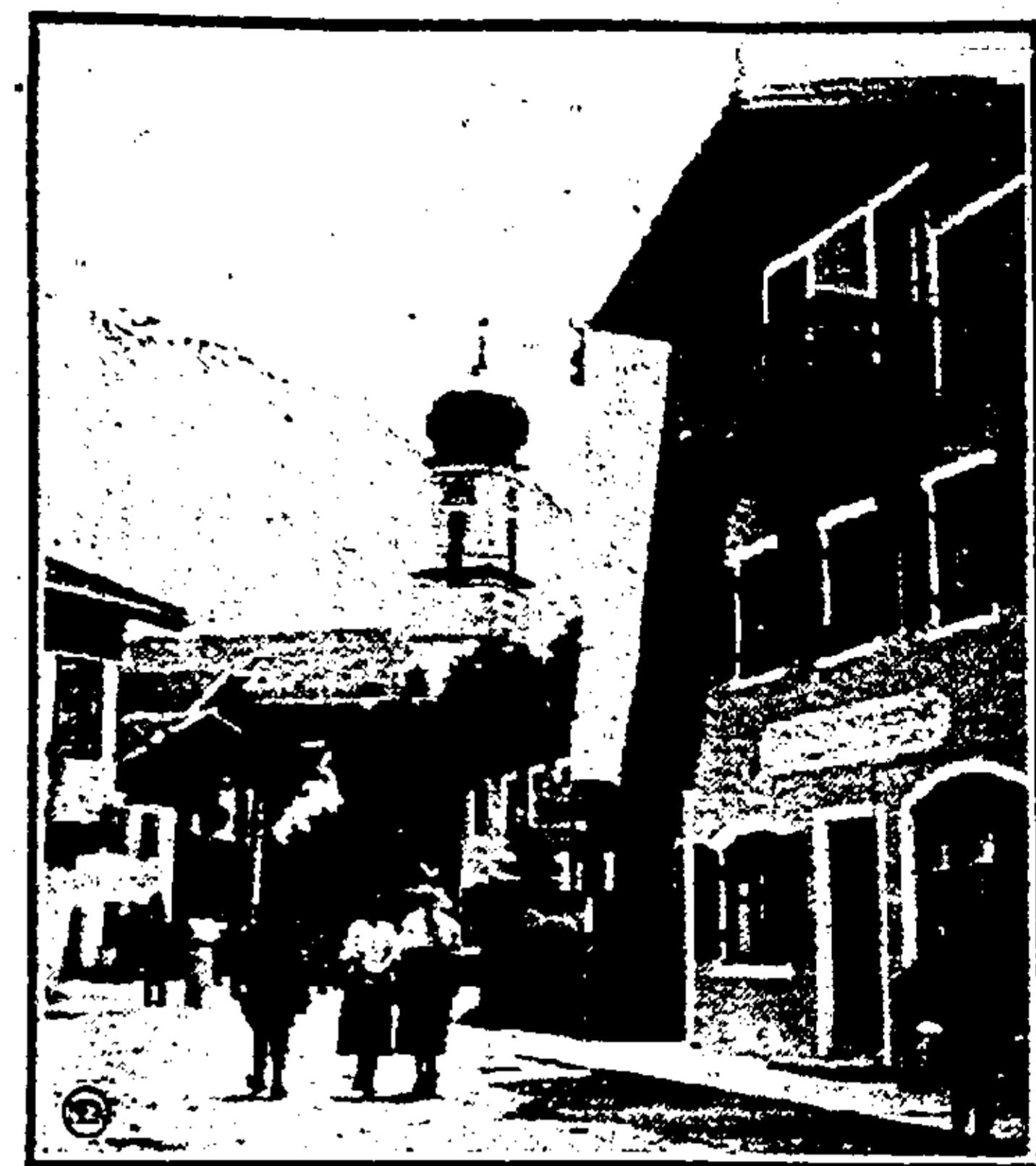
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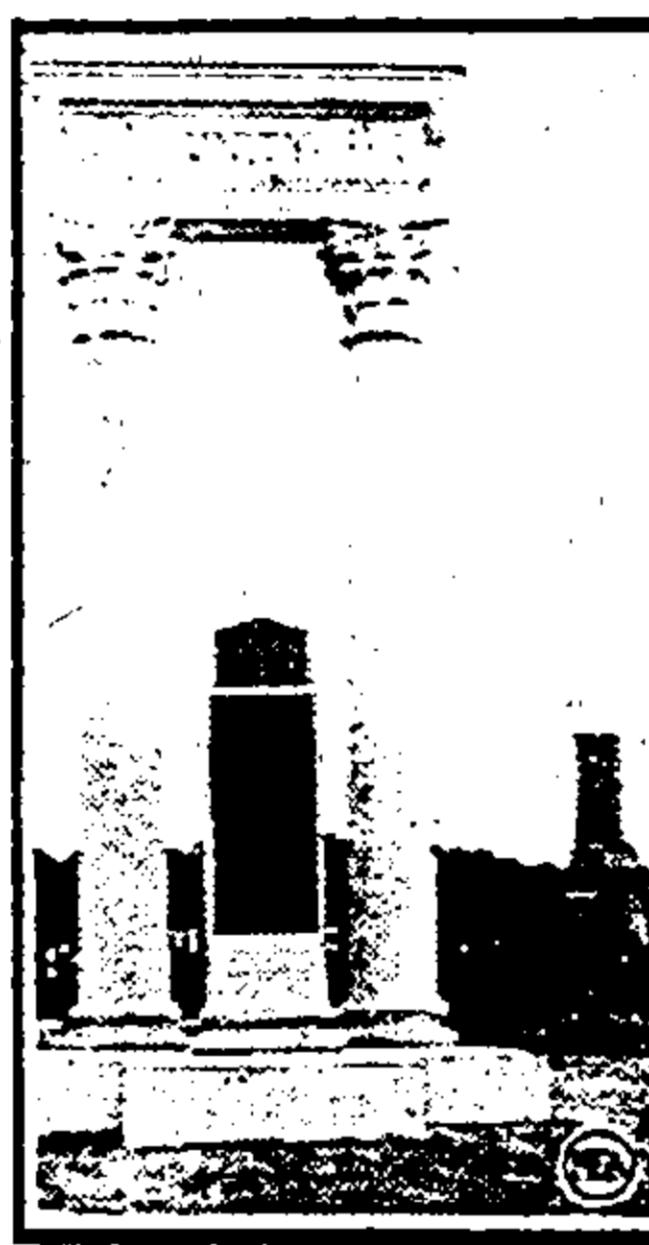
If the Republican National Committee decides to hold its 1924 presidential nominating convention in Cleveland, this is where the delegates will meet and choose their candidate. Photo shows an interior view of Cleveland's mammoth public auditorium. It has a seating capacity of 12,500.



This is Main Street, Oberammergau. In miniature this section of the little Alpine village will be produced and will form part of the exhibit which the world-famous Passion players are to hold at Grand Central Palace, New York, the last week of this month.



Some Berlin citizen has been fortunate enough to get a suitcase of paper money—million mark notes. He had to have a policeman to help him get it safely out of the Reichsbank.



On the spot of this memorial to the re-created America the last Confederate troops surrendered. It is on the Bonnett Farm, three miles west of Durham. The chimney of the farmhouse still stands. The two columns represent the North and South and the caption over them reads "Unity."



Photo shows police on roof at Hamburg, Germany, during fight against Communists.



Heroism of Chief Gunner Bradley, U.S.N., during the landing of U.S. naval forces at Vera Cruz in 1914, went by virtually unnoticed for more than nine years. But recognition finally came the other day. Bradley was awarded the Congressional medal of honour, the highest award his country can give.



Here is an employee of the Reichsbank in Berlin counting the paper money—a good way to pass the time.



A view of the giant French airship "Dixmude," which has established a world's record. It has returned from Cuera after a flight over the Mediterranean, North Africa and France, making a record of 118 hours, beating the flight made by the ZR-31 by 10 hours.



* Celia Montalvan, one of the most popular actresses on the Mexican stage.

SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:

Vessels Arrived.

Vessel	Agents	From	To	Mooring
Shuwa M.	U.S. & S.	Fusan	Leichon	C 38
Haoor	M. M. Co.	For Bayard	A 1	
Andre Lebon		Saigon	C 11	
Kuangsu	B & S.	Swatow	C 33	
Tingting	J. M. & Co.			
Penang	Gibb & Co.	Singapore	Wanchai	C 40
Lumbow		Patoh		

Clearances.

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure	21st Dec.
Kyung	B & S.	Swatow		
Wooing	J. M. & Co.	Singapore		
Luks Lipco		Tai Lay		
Woo M.	Y. E. S.	Singapore		
Van Overstraten	J. C. J. L.	Singapore		
Soldiers	Larsen & Co.	Seaton		
Kap of Australia	C. P. & L.	Seaton		
Hurons	Douglas & Co.	Seaton		
Andre Kebba	M. M. & S.	Shanghai		
Fayson M.	M. S. K.	Tamshui		

Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Durkan M.	N. Y. & Co.	Japan	2nd Dec.
Silver	J. M. Co.	Manila	2nd
Kot	B & S.	Kobe	2nd
Engle M.	J. M. Co.	Manila	2nd
Ilmung	J. M. Co.	Sandakan	2nd
Okland	B. L.	New York	2nd
Wingang	J. M. Co.	Seaton	2nd
Cyber M.	S. Y. K.	London	2nd
Chas.	B. & S.	Bombay	2nd
Antonius	M. M.	Malacca	2nd
Chedward	A. L.	Victoria	2nd
James M.	J. M. Co.	Colombo	2nd
Wing	J. M. Co.	Shanghai	2nd
Wing	J. M. Co.	Seaton	2nd
Wing	J. M. Co.	London	2nd
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